

DELAURO COMMENDS SISTER ANN
MATTHEW LORUSSO AND WIL-
LIAM IOVANNE FOR THEIR WORK
IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speakers, on Sunday, October 27, 1996, the American Committee on Italian Migration will honor Sister Ann Matthew Lorusso and E. William Iovanne with the 1996 Community Service Award. I am very pleased to rise today to recognize the great work of the American Committee on Italian Migration and the wonderful contributions to the community made by Sister Ann and Bill. Both of these individuals have deep roots in the New Haven community and have made great efforts to give something back to the city and the people who live here.

Sister Ann has been with the hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven since 1968 and her tenure there has produced unique programs and projects. A dedicated nurse, Sister Ann spent years in nurse management at St. Raphael's because she loved to be with the patients and to work with people. She is now the parish nurse coordinator for the hospital. She oversees an interdenominational program which puts a nurse in synagogues and churches to meet the wellness needs of the congregation. Sister Ann has referred to the program as "community nursing" and she focuses on educational programs to prevent illness and disease. As health care becomes increasingly difficult to access, Sister Ann is heading a program that reaches out to people and makes sure they get the care they need.

In addition to work at the Hospital of St. Raphael, Sister Ann has served on the Mayor's Commission on Aging since 1994. It is in this capacity that she is able to address the needs of the area's elderly. Sister Ann speaks passionately about finding ways to tap into community resources to ensure that our elderly community is provided for. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated educator and advocate working on behalf of the people of New Haven.

This tribute is a most appropriate honor for Bill Iovanne because he is so proud of his Italian heritage and is deeply committed to the Italian-American community here in New Haven. A lifelong resident of Wooster Square, Bill took over the business his father started. His tenure as president of Iovanne Funeral Home has earned him the respect and admiration of many. I have known Bill for many, many years and our families remain closely connected. He has never failed to help families in their time of need. The loss of a loved one is such a trying, difficult time but Bill provides comfort and support to everyone. Indeed, Bill is not only passionately devoted to his own family, he has a reputation for treating everyone like a member of the family.

I am very proud to join the American Committee on Italian Migration as they honor these two remarkable individuals. They have dedicated their lives to working with and for others and I commend them for their commitment to their Italian-American heritage. They make me proud to be a member of the Italian-American community.

TRIBUTE TO FDA COMMISSIONER
DAVID KESSLER, M.D.

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, David Kessler represents the best in public service. He did his job with one purpose: to protect and promote the public health. He did so with unmatched passion, intensity, and courage. Dr. Kessler understood that the Food and Drug Administration is a scientific agency and that politics have no place in the agency's decisions. David Kessler would also be the first to tell you that he could not have accomplished anything without the hard work and dedication of his colleagues at the Food and Drug Administration.

Those accomplishments are significant and are making real differences today in the health and safety of Americans. We now have food labels that give us meaningful information we can use to improve our diets. The agency is approving new medicines at a rate that was unimaginable when he came to the agency in 1990. Today, we are protecting our children against the terrible scourge of the diseases brought on by tobacco use. Dr. Kessler has set the standard for excellence and accomplishment in government. Thank you, David Kessler, for your public service.

TRIBUTE TO AIDA ALVAREZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great joy to extend my congratulations to Ms. Aida Alvarez on her confirmation to lead the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Ms. Aida Alvarez is the first Puerto Rican woman, also the first Hispanic woman, appointed to a Cabinet position in U.S. history.

Throughout her long and distinguished career, Ms. Alvarez has acquired the experience and expertise that makes her exceptionally well qualified to lead the Small Business Administration [SBA]. "Small business is the heart and soul of the American economy," Ms. Alvarez said during her acceptance speech after President Clinton nominated her to head the SBA.

Ms. Alvarez was born in Aguadilla, PR, and raised in New York City. She learned first hand the importance of small businesses to fulfill the entrepreneurial spirit, build stronger communities, and spur economic growth. While still a high school student, she helped her family by working as a waitress in her mother's restaurant.

After graduating cum laude from Harvard College, she worked as a reporter for the New York Post and Channel Five in New York. Her reporting of guerrilla activities in El Salvador won her an Associated Press Award for Excellence and an Emmy nomination.

Ms. Alvarez held executive positions as an investment banker at the First Boston Corp. and Bear Stearns and, later on, as Vice President of the New York City Health and Hospital Corp.

Ms. Alvarez served as commissioner on the New York City Charter Revision Commission,

member of the Governor's State Judicial Screening Committee, and as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Appointments. In addition, she has served on numerous boards including, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, the New York Community Trust, and the National Civil League.

Prior to her confirmation as Administrator of the SBA, President Clinton appointed Ms. Alvarez to head the newly established Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight [OFHEO] in 1993. At OFHEO, she implemented regulations to insure the financial safety and soundness of the two largest housing finance institutions in the Nation—the Federal National Mortgage Association [Fannie Mae] and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation [Freddie Mac]. Her leadership is characterized by efficient management.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Aida Alvarez for her outstanding achievements and in wishing her continued success as Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM
MACLAUGHLIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. BERMAN and I are honored today to pay tribute to Judge William MacLaughlin who last week was named 1997 Judge of the Year by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. Judge MacLaughlin has a reputation among his co-workers as a fair, hard-working judge who brings a common sense approach to the bench. Throughout his life he has shown exemplary service to his country and community.

Mr. MacLaughlin received his bachelor's degree and law degree from Yale in 1957 and 1960 respectively. After passing the bar exam he joined the U.S. Army first in a full-time capacity and later as a reservist, attaining the rank of captain in 1969. He then entered the legal profession, quickly becoming a partner in the firm Stone & Davis. Later in his career Mr. MacLaughlin went into practice on his own. Representing both plaintiffs and defendants, his years as an attorney saw him focus on personal injury, business, construction, and environmental areas of law. After many years and a well respected tenure as an attorney, he was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to the Los Angeles superior court.

In January 1992, Mr. MacLaughlin took his position on the bench. In the 5 years since, he has earned the respect of colleagues and co-workers alike as a hard-working and conscientious judge. Judge MacLaughlin is known for, among other things, conversing at length with prospective jurors, clearly explaining their role and how they fit into the larger process. When dealing with conflicting parties in a case he has commonly been known to encourage them to work together toward a solution, recognizing that a resolution reached through compromise is better than any decision imposed upon them. The judge's reputation for common sense, middle-of-the-road rulings